

**CHEVY CHASE PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION CENTER
BUILDING RENOVATION AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

4101 Livingston Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Submitted by the District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

June 24, 2010

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the final site and building plans for the building renovation and playground improvements at Chevy Chase Playground and Recreation Center, located in Washington, D.C., as shown on NCPC Map File No. 73.00(38.00)43099.

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The District of Columbia Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization has requested final approval of site and building plans for the modernization of and addition to the recreation center and the replacement of the playgrounds at Chevy Chase Playground and Recreation Center, located at 4101 Livingston Street in Northwest Washington, D.C. Chevy Chase Playground and Recreation Center is a 3.62-acre public park managed by the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation. The property is triangular in shape and is surrounded by single family detached dwellings. The existing recreation center is a 1,030 gross-square-foot brick structure with a small second-story loft. The existing building has a footprint of 1,100 square feet under the roof. Adjacent to the building are two playgrounds, one for children ages 2-5 and one for children ages 5-12.

The project consists of upgrades to the existing building and replacement of the two existing playgrounds. Upgrades to the building include the repair and modernization of the existing structure and a two story addition with a footprint of approximately 325 square feet. The addition is proposed to contain two restrooms accessible from the interior to serve the building, a restroom accessible from the exterior to serve park users when the building is closed, and new mechanical systems, including a pump room for a water spray park. The existing playgrounds

will be rebuilt with new urethane surfaces and new manufactured play equipment. The playground surfaces are designed with graphic patterns illustrating the “cycle of water” to provide visual interest and an educational tool for children. The playground for children ages 2-5 will be surrounded by a new aluminum picket fence (replacing an existing chain-link fence). An existing, inoperable spray park will be replaced with a new spray park within the fenced playground area. The new spray park will have a colored concrete surface and recessed water jets, making it suitable for bike riding and play during September to May. A new storm water management system will be installed as required for the new playgrounds.

The project completes a comprehensive upgrade to the park that included recent resurfacing of existing tennis and basketball courts and improvement of the existing baseball field. The park will continue to have no off-street parking. One part-time manager currently staffs the recreation center; DPR projects no future staffing increases for this facility.

On November 24, 2009 NCPC’s Executive Director, under delegated authority, approved the preliminary and final site and building plans for the modernization of Chevy Chase Playground and Recreation Center. This current proposal has shifted the pump room for the water spray park to a location internal to an expanded proposed addition, and shifted pathways and a playground footprint to accommodate this change. The proposal is not inconsistent with the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* and was included in the District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan, Fiscal Years 2011-2016 (DC CIP). The Commission, in its May 7, 2009 review of the Fiscal Years 2010-2015 DC CIP, commended the District of Columbia on inclusion of projects that support and implement the federal interest set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, including projects to develop new parks and recreation centers.

As a District of Columbia project outside of the Central Area, NCPC is advisory and does not have independent responsibility for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act or the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the proposal at its November 10, 2009 meeting and forwarded it to the Commission with the statement that the proposal has been coordinated with all participating agencies. The participating agencies were NCPC, the National Park Service, the General Services Administration, the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development, the District of Columbia Office of Planning, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

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